



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

***Meeting Minute
August 14, 2007***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00pm (estimate)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Fiala, Tom Reynolds, John Nikias, Gene Propper, and Valerie King.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- Postponed until Chuck and Jim return (next meeting).

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE (with Dot O'Neil):

- Fourteen people attended the pot luck held at Horace Lake. All went well.
- A group of 16 went out to eat (at Sampan in Hillsboro) on the first Tuesday in August. The bill was split (\$7/person).
- Meeting of officers will be held Saturday morning to discuss/plan activities for the next several months.
- PARC reiterated its understanding (of the Department of Revenue Administration guidelines regarding use of public money) that it can not financially support out-of-town activities.
- Tom will ask Chuck to put the Senior Citizen update on the August 28th agenda to discuss funding of activities.

CHASE PARK:

- a. Sticker tracking: Is it useful? Are we collecting what we need to be collecting? PARC will ask Kathy to come to a PARC meeting before the end of the season to give a report on the implementation of the tracking sheets.
- Helene Kurk (Select-woman) found a spare computer that could be used at the park to help with sticker tracking and other park activities. Valerie will also talk to Fred Ventresco (Town Administrator) about a computer she is willing to donate.
- b. Discussion regarding damage to the hillside from a boat's being launched inappropriately. PARC does not have any policy in place to address this issue. It was determined that policies were needed to provide PARC with the authority to removed privileges when these policies are violated. PARC will, however, seek reimbursement for the cost of any damages incurred as a result of this most recent incident.
- This situation highlights 2 problems that need to be addressed in policy: what to do when someone damages park property and what consequences will be instituted for the illegal launch of a boat. Tom will ask Fred V. to contact the Local Government Center and other towns for ideas regarding drafting of Weare's park policies.

- Results of water samples taken at Chase Park in June found one area (the Red Cross stairs) with elevated bacteria (113 vs. limit of <88). However, the July numbers were significantly lower (33) indicating the possibility that the elevated June test was a false result. The State would notify the town if closing of the beach were necessary. In this instance, the State did not recommend closing.
- c. The “Boat Parade” is tentatively scheduled for September 1st. The organizers are actively seeking boaters to participate in the parade. If too few boats sign up (by August 28th) the parade will be cancelled.
- Adult staff is in short supply at Chase Park. Many of the younger workers are participating in football which requires them to attend practice twice a day. This may impact the ability of the Head Gatekeeper to staff the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Discussion with Mrs. Anthony Peacock regarding the incident at Chase Park on July 29th, where her husband backed his trailer over the hillside to launch his jet skis when he arrived to find the boat ramp closed and no attendant at the gatehouse. PARC members explained the Committees decision to limit any restitution to repairing the damage (if any) to the hillside. Mrs. Peacock noted that her husband was not the only offender and therefore should not be solely responsible for the cost of repairs. PARC members also explained why it is important that people not launch boats in this manner (specifically, that it causes damage to the hillside resulting in possible erosion and that, without being inspected, the boat or trailer may have transported milfoil from another lake and subsequently infest Lake Horace).

BOLTON FIELD:

- a. Fertilizing done at Bolton Field. WAC is planning to spread fertilizer at the other fields (see Jim’s e-mail). Sprinklers have been repaired at a cost of \$603.65.
 - b. Master Plan Update-GeoInsight tentative for August 28th PARC meeting to present plan.
- Bolton road leading to lower parking area is in poor condition (down to one-lane) and will need to be repaired. Tom will contact Fred to request that Carl (Public Works) drop a load of “material” in this area. Joe has agreed to spread the material.
 - Joe provided Gene with a pack of information (from Fred V.) regarding the playground equipment (including warranty and safety information). Tom will ask Fred V. to contact Primex (insurance company) about the possibility of having someone conduct a safety inspection of the playground equipment.

INESON FIELD:

- Cost of well repair at Ineson Field was \$975.00.
- Work at Ineson expected to be completed by tomorrow. The pump is already in and ready to go. Joe will stop by tomorrow afternoon to see where they are at.

2007 BUDGET UPDATE (Handouts provided):

- Discussion regarding the need for an additional port-a-potty at Bolton.

Joe moved to approve rental of an additional port-a-potty for Bolton for the months of September, October and November. Tom seconded the motion. John opposed. Motion approved 4-1-0.

CIP REQUESTS:

- Meeting to be held tomorrow at 9am. PARC has requested \$12,000 for the tennis courts and \$50,000 for the Bolton drainage and parking projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Valerie still waiting for members to provide her with addresses for thank-you letters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Economic Development Committee is planning to purchase new signs for the various town buildings. PARC to consider getting (coordinating) signs for Ineson and Purington (which are in need of replacing).
- Plans are still in place regarding moving the skateboard park to the middle school.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:43

PARC MEMBER TO DO LIST

(From August 14, 2007 minutes)

TOM

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JOE

- ☐ Joe has agreed to spread the material (provided by Public Works) at Bolton field road to lower parking area.
- ☐ Joe will stop by Ineson Field to see where they are at.

VAL

- ☐ Valerie will talk to Fred Ventresco (Town Administrator) about a computer she is willing to donate.